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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re F	Patent Application of	MAIL STOP / AMENDMENT				
	t Radulescu	Group Art Unit: 1733				
Applic	ation No.: 10/614,924	Examiner: STEVEN D MAKI				
Filing	Date: July 8, 2003	Confirmation No.: 9233				
Title:	DIRECTIONAL TREAD HAVING INCISIONS OF VARYING INCLINATION	) ) ) )				
AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER						
Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450						
Sir:						
Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.						
$\boxtimes$	A Petition for Extension of Time is enclosed.					
	Terminal Disclaimer(s) and the $\square$ \$ 65 $\square$ \$ 130 fee per Disclaimer due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are enclosed.					
	Also enclosed is/are:					
	Small entity status is hereby claimed.					
	Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the  \$\sum \\$ 395 \$\sum \\$ 790 fee due under 37 C.F.R. \\$ 1.17(e).					
	Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments <u>not</u> be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above.					
	Applicant(s) previously submittedcontinued examination is requested.	on for which				
	Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.					

A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.

	No additional claim fee is required.							
	An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:							
AMENDED CLAIMS								
	Highest No.							

		AMENDE	D CLAIMS			
	No. of Claims	Highest No. of Claims Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Rate	Additio	nal Fee
Total Claims	11	20	0	x \$ 50 (1202)	\$	0
Independent Claims	2	3	0	x \$ 200 (1201)		0
☐ If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$ 360 (1203)						0
Total Claim Amendment Fee						0
Small Entity Status claimed - subtract 50% of Total Claim Amendment Fee						0
TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						0

	Charge	to Deposit Account No. 02-4800 for the fee due.			
	A check in the amount of	is enclosed	for the fee due.		
	Charge	to credit card for the fee due.	Form PTO-2038 is attached.		
$\boxtimes$	The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.				

Respectfully submitted,

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